Mr. K. R. Narayana Iyer: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know the result of the enquiries?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: The officers have gone to the place and inspected the spot and wherever the conditions were not satisfactory, concessions have been granted.

Transport of Foodgrains.

164. **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have commandeered vallums for the transport of foodgrains,

(*b*) the number of vallums commandeered and kept in custody for the year 1119 upto 31-12-1119,

(*c*) whether all of them are being used,

(*d*) whether any vallums have been rendered useless by their use and returned to the owners,

(*e*) whether they will pay any compensation or repairing expenses of such vallums rendered useless when they are in the custody of the Government,

(*f*) whether any discretion in comandeering is made so as not to commandeer the vallums of businessmen and agriculturists who will be put to difficulties, and

(*g*) whether they have received complaints from owners of vallums, agriculturists and businessmen that they are put to hardships by such commandeering?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (a) Yes.

(*b*) the number of vallums in Government custody on 31-12-119 is 580.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No. They are temporarily released for repairs when found necessary.

(*e*) No. The owners get boat hire and the boatmen get their wages during the period that the vallums are in Government use. The question of compensation does not, therefore, arise.

(*f*) Yes, as far as possible.

(*g*) A few petitions have been received.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the honourable member why compensation is not allowed when the boats are spoiled or rendered useless by the Government?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Boats are not rendered useless at all and the question of compensation does not, therefore, arise.

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Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know from the honourable member whether if the boats are rendered useless any compensation is given?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: That is a hypothetical question.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware that boats are spoiled or rendered useless while in the custody of the Government?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar. No Sir.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Wet lands cultivated during the Kanni crop.

3. **Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai** (*Thovala cum Agastiswaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what is the approximate area of wet lands cultivated during the Kanni crop of 1120 in Nanchinad;

(*b*) what is the average reading in the Pechipparai reservoir from the 10th Chithirai 1119 (the date of kalavarampu) to the end of Audy 1119; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the water in the Pechipparai Reservoir is hardly sufficient to complete the Kanni crop and to begin the Kumbhom crop in 1120, and

(*d*) what do the Government propose to do in the distribution of water to prevent failure of crops.

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) 38,000 acres.

(*b*) It is not possible to give the average reading in the reservoir as the readings rose up and went down several times within the period from 10-9-1119 to 31-12-1119.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A turn system is being adopted in consultation with the prominent ryots and members of Legislature.

Breach in the road leading to Thazhakudy.

4. **Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of a breach in the road leading to Thazhakudy and other important villages from the Main Southern road through Thiruppathisaram and making the road unfit for vehicular traffic over an year;

(*b*) has the department taken any action to repair the same ;

(*c*) if so, how long will it take to make it useful to the public, and

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